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Five Ways Software

Climate

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Climate recognition is an essential part of any middle-school geography course — it is also one that pupils often find tedious to practise. This program reinforces the topic in an unusually attractive way which should stimulate pupils of a wide range of abilities.

Data for the mean monthly temperature and rainfall for a weather station with a randomly chosen climate type are presented either graphically or in tabular form. The user is guided by multiple choice questions to analyse the data in a step-by-step process. Graphical hints are given when an incorrect choice is made. The pupil can then draw a reasoned conclusion about the weather station's climate.

The teacher can also use the program to illustrate the unique characteristics of any of fifty-six climates. Since the data are randomly generated within set limits, it is impossible for a pupil to memorize the figures, and a logical analysis is therefore ensured.

Five Ways Software is a series of resource materials for teaching and learning with the aid of microcomputers. The programs have been designed by teachers and written so that those with little or no knowledge of computers can use the disks with confidence and ease.



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